

What is claimed is:

1. A refractive index coupling distributed feedback semiconductor laser comprising a phase-shift structure, wherein when viewed from an almost central portion in a light distributed feedback direction in a region in which diffraction gratings are formed, an average coupling coefficient κ_2 of a diffraction grating on one end face side is smaller than an average coupling coefficient κ_1 of a diffraction grating on other end face side, and the coupling coefficient κ_2 exceeds 100 cm^{-1} .
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2. A complex coupling distributed feedback semiconductor laser of a complex coupling type in which an absolute value of a real part of a coupling coefficient is four or more times an absolute value of an imaginary part of the coupling coefficient, comprising a phase-shift structure, wherein when viewed from an almost central portion in a light distributed feedback direction in a region in which diffraction gratings are formed, an average coupling coefficient κ_2 of a diffraction grating on one end face side is smaller than an average coupling coefficient κ_1 of a diffraction grating on other end face side, and the coupling coefficient κ_2 exceeds 100 cm^{-1} .
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3. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of phase-shift structures is formed at almost symmetrical positions about a central portion in a light distributed feedback direction in a region in which diffraction gratings are formed.
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4. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1, wherein a phase-shift structure is formed at an almost central portion in a light distributed feedback direction in a region in which diffraction gratings are formed.
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5. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1 ,
wherein when a cycle of a diffraction grating is represented by Λ , a sum of
phase-shift amounts given by all the phase-shift structures is almost $\Lambda/2$.

6. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1 ,
5 wherein when a cycle structure of the diffraction grating is viewed in a light
distributed feedback direction, a value of (duty of a high refractive index
portion)/(duty of a low refractive index portion) in a region of the coupling
coefficient κ_1 is set to be larger than a value in a region of the coupling
coefficient κ_2 .

10 7. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1 ,
wherein in a layer structure having a high refractive index of in the
diffraction grating, the number of high refractive index layers of the coupling
coefficient κ_1 is set to be larger than the number of high refractive index
layers of the coupling coefficient κ_2 .

15 8. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1 ,
wherein the thickness of a layer of a low refractive index existing between a
layer of a high refractive index in the diffraction grating and the active layer
is set to be smaller in the region of the coupling coefficient κ_1 than in the
region of the coupling coefficient κ_2 .

20 9. A distributed feedback semiconductor laser according to claim 1 ,
wherein when an equivalent refractive index acting when light is propagated
through the region of the coupling coefficient κ_2 is represented by n_2 , an
equivalent refractive index acting when light is propagated through the
region of the coupling coefficient κ_1 is represented by n_1 , an average cycle of
25 the diffraction grating in the region of the coupling coefficient κ_2 is

represented by Λ_2 , and an average cycle of the diffraction grating in the region of the coupling coefficient κ_1 is represented by Λ_1 , $n_2 \cdot \Lambda_2$ is almost equal to $n_1 \cdot \Lambda_1$.